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AN UNUSUAL OFFERING OF THE
WORLD'S FINEST VARIETIES OF

THE MAGNIFICENT TREE PEONY

(Paeonia Arborea)

"Rhododendron of the Middle West"



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THE MAGNIFICENT TREE PEONY (*Paeonia Arborea*) (Rhododendron of the Middle West)

Tree Peonies lend distinction and charm to your garden because they are unusually beautiful and rare. Their colors are different from those of the regular herbaceous peony; and not only do they possess the finest shades of pink, red and white, but also develop flowers of pure yellow, yellow and orange, lavender, violet, purple, etc.

WHAT IS A TREE PEONY? Unfortunately the name Tree Peony is not exactly correct because the plant does not form a tree but rather a shrub. While in herbaceous peonies the foliage and stem dies down to the root in winter, the stems of the tree peony become woody and the eyes form along the stems. The plant will attain a height of from five to six feet and in time produce as many as 200 flowers to the plant . . . flowers sometimes 12 inches across and always at least as large as those of the herbaceous peony.

HARDINESS AND CARE. Tree Peonies are very hardy; we have grown them in our nurseries for many years alongside regular peonies and never had any winter killing. Tree Peonies thrive in the same soil as other peonies, rich sandy-loam, well-drained. They do beautifully in semi-shade as well as in full sun. For fertilizer they like well-decayed manure and bonemeal. **Complete Cultural Directions accompany every order.**

TIME OF SHIPMENT. Tree Peonies can be shipped almost anytime because we grow many in 5" pots, which makes transplanting and shipping easy.

HISTORY. Centuries ago Tree Peonies were considered almost sacred in the Imperial Gardens of the Chinese Emperors. They were not only grown in borders and beds but also in large tubs, placed in inner courts. It is known that such tubbed Tree Peonies produced as many as 400 blossoms to the plant. They were so highly regarded that single plants were valued at 100 ounces in gold and when first introduced in Europe in 1789, were sold for as much as 100 Louis d'Or (\$460.00) each.

Tree Peonies have long been cultivated in England until today there are but few gardens there that lay any pretense to beauty which are not adorned by the gorgeous blossoms of the Tree Peony. They are ideal for planting in formal beds, as specimens, or in tubs.

European Hybridizers have done wonders with this charming plant and we have spared no effort in obtaining and propagating the finest things that the world offers in the most exciting of all garden plants.

Descriptive Price List of Our Tree Peonies

DOUBLE CHINENSIS VARIETIES

	Age of Plants:	2 Yr. 5" Pots	3-5 Yr. Fld. Grn.
ARCHIDUC LUDOVICO. Enormous flower, flesh-pink, turning to soft lilac.		4.50	9.00
ATHLETE. Large double flowers of fine glazed mauve shaded rose, vigorous and prolific...		4.50	9.00
COLONEL MALCOLM. Fringed petals, light purple and violet with silvery reflex.		4.50	9.00
COMTESSE DE TUDER. Full double flower of glowing salmon, petals tipped satiny white, a glorious variety.		4.50	9.00
GEORGES PAUL. Large amaranth and violet bloom.		4.50	9.00
JULES PIRLOT. A magnificent variety of perfect globular form. Satiny pink, flushed carmine. Very free blooming.		4.50	9.00
LACTEA. Pure white pleasingly blotched carmine inside. A splendid white.		5.00	10.00
LOUISE MOUCHELET. Very large imbricated full double flower; light salmon pink.		5.00	10.00
MME. DE VATRY. Very large globular flower of satiny pink, shaded lilac.		4.50	9.00
REINE ELIZABETH. Probably the finest of all salmon-rose, double tree peonies. Large, perfectly shaped flower of a brilliant salmon rose, one of the richest shades in flowers...		4.50	9.00
REINE DES VIOLETTES. Fine dark lively violet.		5.00	10.00
SOUVENIR DE CHAS. MECHIN. Uniform double pink.		4.50	9.00
SOUVENIR DE DUCHER. Large globular bloom of bright reddish violet with silvery reflex. One of the finest in the dark colored varieties.		4.50	9.00
TRIOMPHE DE VANDERMAELEN. Large, clear rose-purple, very vivid in center and very free-blooming.		5.00	10.00

THE MARVELOUS AND NOVEL

LUTEA HYBRIDS

These Tree Peony Hybrids form a class all their own. They are hybrids derived from Peony Lutea. They have luxuriant bright green foliage and their blooming season is exceptionally long. They begin to bloom just before regular peonies and keep on producing buds almost two weeks after all other peonies are out of bloom. In this group you find the celebrated yellow varieties.

Age of Plants:	2 Yr.	3-5 Yr.
	5" Pots	Fld. Grn.

ALICE HARDING. This is by far the finest pure yellow peony yet created. Fully double flowers with spicy fragrance.	18.75	37.50
ARGOSY. Single flower of clear sulphur yellow, with a red blotch at the base of the petal. Flowers are from 5-7 inches across. Very free blooming.	7.50	15.00
AURORE. Single flowers on tall stems. The broad petals are of a coppery terra-cotta...	7.50	15.00
CHROMATELLA. A true Masterpiece by Victor Lemoine of Nancy, France. A beautifully formed pure sulphur yellow flower. Under some weather conditions the flowers may show a touch of salmon or buff but these shades disappear as the bloom matures. ...		Sold Out
FLAMBEAU. Full double flower of bright salmon red with amaranth veins passing to a paler shade after some days. A great novelty.	15.00	30.00
LA LORRAINE. This peony was awarded a work of art at the Paris Horticultural Exhibition in 1909, first class silver medal at the Ghent Quinquennial Exhibition, 1913; first class certificate from the Floral Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society, May 14, 1913. The flowers are large and well-formed, petals nearly imbricated, being of a soft sulphur yellow with a salmon tinge when opening. The color becomes lighter and purer when fully expanded. Very free blooming...	7.50	15.00
MINE d'OR. A very vigorous plant, foliage bright green, single flowers of a most beautiful sulphur yellow.	18.75	37.50
MME. LOUIS HENRY. Cup-shaped flower, 6 inches across, waved petals buff and pink shaded salmon and coppery yellow; base of petals striped amaranth. Shows a crown of golden stamens.		Sold Out

Age of Plants:	2 Yr.	3-5 Yr.
	5" Pots	Fld. Grn.

SATIN ROUGE. Double blood-orange flower, an altogether new color in peonies. Of vigorous growth with bright green foliage. 12.50 25.00

SOUVENIR DE MAXIME CORNU. Forms a plant 3 to 4 feet high which produces many beautifully shaped full double flowers of a deep yellow, heavily shaded orange salmon. Fragrant. (A.M.R.H.S.) 12.50 25.00

SURPRISE. Large full double flowers with irregular petals in a mixed color of straw yellow, pale salmon and rosy purple; blooms are set on tall stems. This plant possesses a truly novel character. Fragrant. 15.00 30.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you prefer to have the fieldgrown plants dug with a ball of earth and burlapped, we shall be glad to do so in which case there will be a nominal charge for this and special crating not to exceed \$1.00 per plant.

JAPANESE VARIETIES

Age of Plants:	2 Yr.	3-5 Yr.
	5" Pots	Fld. Grn.

ADZUMA KAGAMI. Very early semi-double. Very dark violet red. Sold Out

FLORA. One of the most enchantingly beautiful flowers; pure transparent white, slightly blotched violet-carmine in the throat. Immense flower of marvelous form. Once you have this variety established in your garden, you will worship it. 12.50 25.00

KURO BOTAN. Tulip-like bloom of very dark maroon red. Sold Out

YASO-NO-MINE. Very large double flowers of the purest white. Flowers grow on strong, upright stems. The very finest white we know of. 18.75 37.50

YASO-OKINE. Pure double white flowers on strong stems, immense bloom. 18.75 37.50

TREE PEONIES IN THE LANDSCAPE

Tree Peonies are especially beautiful when massed in front of groups of Evergreens. We also recommend them for planting between other ornamentals in the foundation planting. They do very nicely in semi-shade, but if planted near the roots of trees it is necessary to enrich the ground with well decayed stable fertilizer and later give them applications of bonemeal. Tree Peonies also lend themselves to planting in formal beds and as support for other plant material. In England they are used freely in formal gardens.

TREE PEONIES FOR FORCING

Unlike other types of peonies, Tree Peonies can be forced into bloom during the winter months. For this purpose they should be planted in tubs a year before they are to be forced. They can be had in bloom as early as January. We shall gladly furnish further information on the forcing of Tree Peonies.

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